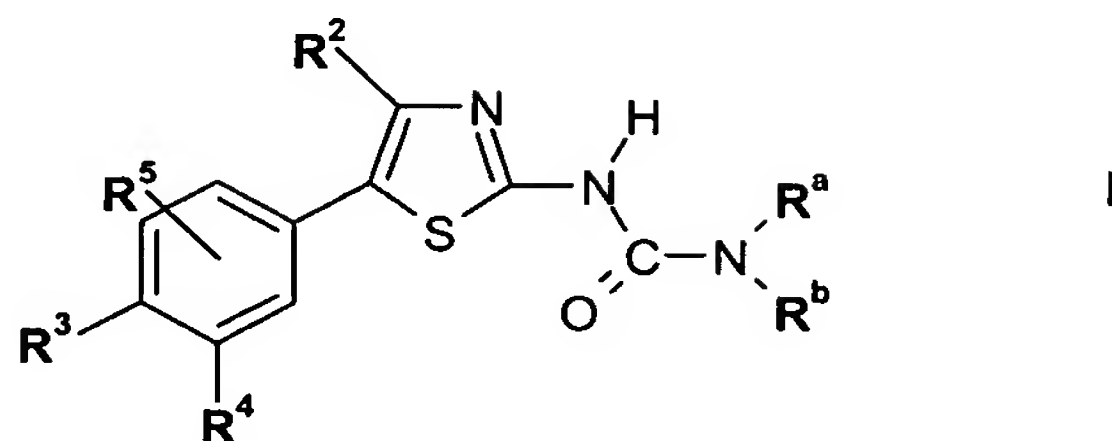


## CLAIMS

Claims 1-13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (new): A compound of formula I



in free or salt form, wherein

R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by pyridyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by hydroxy or nitrile, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by nitrile, R<sup>3</sup> is fluoro, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by hydroxy, R<sup>3</sup> is fluoro, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by -O-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl-OH, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by pyrrolidinyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by oxazolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is nitrile or imidazolyl,  
or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by imidazolyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by benzoimidazolyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by isoxazolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by pyrrolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by pyrazolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by -CO-O-CH<sub>3</sub>, -CO-O-butyl, -CO-di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino, -CO-NH<sub>2</sub>, -NH-CO-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, -CO-NH-R<sup>c</sup> where R<sup>c</sup> is naphthyl, or by -CO-NH-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)-amino, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CO-NH-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl or -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CO-O-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by -CH(OH)-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, or by -S-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having one or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being substituted by oxo, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having three or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, -C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl-di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino, or by C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by oxazolyl substituted by C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by imidazolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by -CO-Het where Het is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having two or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having one or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being substituted by oxo, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>b</sup> is an aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-yl ring optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together form an azetidine ring substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl or nitrile, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together form a pyrrolidine ring substituted by -CO-NH<sub>2</sub> or nitrile, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together form an imidazo-pyridine ring, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or halogen;

R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, halogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl;

R<sup>6</sup> is halo, -SO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, -SO<sub>2</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>, carboxy, -CO-NH<sub>2</sub>, -CO-di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino, or a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having one or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being optionally substituted by halo, cyano, oxo, hydroxy, carboxy, nitro, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy optionally substituted by aminocarbonyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkylamino or di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino;

R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen, halo, -SO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, nitrile, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl, imidazolyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, -NR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-NR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>; and

R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are independently hydrogen, amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkylamino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy,

or R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> together form a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic ring having one or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being optionally substituted by halo, cyano, oxo, hydroxy, carboxy, nitro, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy optionally substituted by aminocarbonyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkylamino or di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino.

Claim 15 (new): A compound according to claim 14, wherein

R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by pyridyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by hydroxy or nitrile, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by nitrile, R<sup>3</sup> is fluoro, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by hydroxy, R<sup>3</sup> is fluoro, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by -O-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl-OH, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by pyrrolidinyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by oxazolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is nitrile or imidazolyl,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by imidazolyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by benzoimidazolyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by isoxazolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by pyrrolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by pyrazolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by -CO-O-CH<sub>3</sub>, -CO-O-butyl, -CO-di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino, -CO-NH<sub>2</sub>, -NH-CO-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, -CO-NH-R<sup>c</sup> where R<sup>c</sup> is naphthyl, or by -CO-NH-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CO-NH-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl or -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CO-O-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by -CH(OH)-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, or by -S-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having one or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being substituted by oxo, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having three or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, -C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl-di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino, or by C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by oxazolyl substituted by C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by imidazolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by -CO-Het where Het is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having two or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having one or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being substituted by oxo, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is an aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-yl ring optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together form an azetidine ring substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl or nitrile, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together form a pyrrolidine ring substituted by -CO-NH<sub>2</sub> or nitrile, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together form an imidazo-pyridine ring, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>;  
 R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or halogen;  
 R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen;  
 R<sup>6</sup> is halo or -SO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>; and  
 R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen, halo, -SO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, nitrile, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-haloalkyl or imidazolyl.

Claim 16 (new): A compound according to claim 14, wherein

R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by pyridyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by hydroxy or nitrile, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by nitrile, R<sup>3</sup> is fluoro, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by hydroxy, R<sup>3</sup> is fluoro, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by -O-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-OH, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by pyrrolidinyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by oxazolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is nitrile or imidazolyl,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by imidazolyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by benzoimidazolyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is fluoro,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by isoxazolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,  
 or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by pyrrolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by pyrazolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by -CO-O-CH<sub>3</sub>, -CO-O-butyl, -CO-di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino, -CO-NH<sub>2</sub>, -NH-CO-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, -CO-NH-R<sup>c</sup> where R<sup>c</sup> is naphthyl, or by -CO-NH-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CO-NH-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CO-O-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by -CH(OH)-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, or by -S-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having one or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being substituted by oxo, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having three or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, -C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl-di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)-amino, or by C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-cycloalkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by oxazolyl substituted by C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by imidazolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl substituted by -CO-Het where Het is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having two or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having one or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, that ring being substituted by oxo, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is an aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-yl ring optionally substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together form an azetidine ring substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl or nitrile, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,

or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together form a pyrrolidine ring substituted by -CO-NH<sub>2</sub> or nitrile, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>,



or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together form an imidazo-pyridine ring, R<sup>3</sup> is R<sup>6</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is R<sup>7</sup>;  
R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or halogen;  
R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen;  
R<sup>6</sup> is halo or -SO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>; and  
R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen, halo, -SO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, nitrile, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl or imidazolyl.

Claim 17 (new): A compound according to claim 14 that is selected from the group consisting of:

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-pyridin-4-ylmethyl-urea;  
1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-urea;  
1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(3-methoxy-propyl)-urea;  
1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[3-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-propyl]-urea;  
1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(2-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-urea;  
1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-ethyl)-urea;  
1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-ethyl]-urea;  
1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(5-methyl-isoxazol-3-ylmethyl)-urea;  
1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-2-ylmethyl)-urea;  
3-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N-naphthalen-2-yl-propionamide;  
3-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionic acid tert-butyl ester;  
1-(2-Ethoxy-ethyl)-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;  
{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-acetic acid tert-butyl ester;  
1-(1,5-Dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-3-ylmethyl)-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methane-sulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;  
(S)-2-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N-methyl-propionamide;



1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(3-morpholin-4-yl-3-oxo-propyl)-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-((S)-2-hydroxy-1-methyl-ethyl)-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(2-propoxy-ethyl)-urea;

2-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N,N-dimethyl-acetamide;

3-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N,N-dimethyl-propionamide;

N-Ethyl-3-{3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionamide;

3-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-2,2-dimethyl-propionamide;

3-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propion-amide;

3-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-2-methyl-propionic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-pyridin-2-yl-methyl-urea;

N-(2-dimethylamino-ethyl)-3-{3-[5-(4-methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propion-amide;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-pyridin-3-yl-methyl-urea;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-urea;

1-(2-Hydroxy-ethyl)-3-[5-(4-methane-sulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-(4-Hydroxy-butyl)-3-[5-(4-methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(3-methoxy-propyl)-urea;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[3-(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-propyl]-urea;

1-(2-Diethylamino-ethyl)-3-[5-(4-methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-tri-fluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(3-methylsulfanyl-propyl)-urea;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(2-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-urea;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(1-methyl-pyrrolidin-2-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[2-(2-Hydroxy-ethoxy)-ethyl]-3-[5-(4-methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-2-ylmethyl)-urea;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(3-morpholin-4-yl-3-oxo-propyl)-urea;

3-{3-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoro-methyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-(2-Ethoxy-ethyl)-3-[5-(4-methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-(2-Cyano-ethyl)-3-[5-(4-methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(8-methyl-8-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-yl)-urea;

N-(4-{3-[5-(4-Methane-sulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-butyl)-acetamide;

(R)-2-{3-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionic acid methyl ester;

(S)-2-{3-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionic acid methyl ester;

{3-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-acetic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[3-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-3-oxo-propyl]-urea;

(S)-2-{3-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N-methyl-propionamide;

(S)-2-{3-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionic acid ethyl ester;

(S)-2-{3-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionic acid methyl ester;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(3-morpholin-4-yl-3-oxo-propyl)-urea;

{3-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-acetic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-(3-Hydroxy-propyl)-3-[5-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-(2-Hydroxy-ethyl)-3-[5-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-(4-Hydroxy-butyl)-3-[5-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(5-methyl-isoxazol-3-ylmethyl)-urea;

3-{3-[5-(4-Methane-sulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N-naphthalen-2-yl-propionamide;

3-{3-[5-(4-Methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-(2-Cyano-ethyl)-3-[5-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

3-{3-[5-(3-Cyano-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionic acid tert-butyl ester;

3-{3-[5-(3-Cyano-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N,N-dimethyl-propionamide;

2-{3-[5-(3-Cyano-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N,N-dimethyl-acetamide;

1-(2-Cyano-ethyl)-3-[5-(4-fluoro-3-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

3-{3-[5-(4-Fluoro-3-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionamide;

1-[5-(4-Fluoro-3-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(2-methanesulfonyl-ethyl)-urea;

{3-[5-(4-Fluoro-3-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-acetic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-[5-(4-Fluoro-3-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-urea;

1-[5-(4-Fluoro-3-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(2-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-urea;

1-[5-(4-Fluoro-3-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(3-morpholin-4-yl-3-oxo-propyl)-urea;

3-{3-[5-(3-Chloro-4-methane-sulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-(2,3-Dihydroxy-propyl)-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

Pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid 2-amide 1-[[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-amide];  
 1,4,6,7-Tetrahydro-imidazo[4,5-c]-pyridine-5-carboxylic acid [5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-amide;  
 1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-carbamoyl-azetidine-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester;  
 3-Cyano-azetidine-1-carboxylic acid [5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-amide;  
 Pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid 2-amide 1-[[5-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-amide];  
 1-(2-Hydroxy-ethyl)-3-[5-(4-methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-1-methyl-urea;  
 2-Cyano-pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid [5-(4-methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-amide;  
 (S)-Pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid 2-amide 1-[[5-(3-imidazol-1-yl-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-amide];  
 1-[2-(5-tert-Butyl-oxazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;  
 1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(3-methyl-[1,2,4]-oxadiazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-urea;  
 1-[2-(3-Ethyl-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;  
 1-[2-(3-Ethyl-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;  
 1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(3-isopropyl-[1,2,4]-oxadiazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-urea;  
 1-[2-(3-Cyclopropyl-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;  
 1-[2-(3-tert-Butyl-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;  
 1-[2-(3-Dimethylaminomethyl-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;  
 1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(3-methyl-[1,2,4]-thiadiazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(5-methyl-[1,3,4]-oxadiazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[2-(5-Ethyl-[1,3,4]-oxadiazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(5-isopropyl-[1,3,4]-oxadiazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[2-(5-Cyclopropyl-[1,3,4]oxadiazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methane-sulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[2-(5-Cyclo-butyl-[1,3,4]oxadiazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[2-(5-tert-Butyl-[1,3,4]oxa-diazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methane-sulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[2-(1-Ethyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(1-propyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(1-isopropyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[2-(1-Butyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methane-sulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(1-isobutyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-{2-[1-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-1H-imidazol-4-yl]-ethyl}-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-{2-[1-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-1H-imidazol-4-yl]-ethyl}-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-{2-[1-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-1H-imidazol-4-yl]-ethyl}-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(3-methyl-3H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[2-(3-Ethyl-3H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(2-isopropyl-3H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[2-(2-tert-Butyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[2-(1H-Benzo-imidazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[2-(1-Ethyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methane-sulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[2-(2-Ethyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[2-(1-Ethyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(4-methanesulfonyl-3-trifluoro-methyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(3-ethyl-[1,2,4]-oxadiazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(1-ethyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Cyano-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(5-ethyl-oxazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[2-(5-tert-Butyl-oxazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-cyano-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[2-(5-Ethyl-oxazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-imidazol-1-yl-4-methane-sulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[2-(3-Ethyl-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-imidazol-1-yl-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[2-(1-Ethyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-imidazol-1-yl-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Cyano-4-methane-sulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(1-ethyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-urea; and

1-[5-(4-Methane-sulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(1-propyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-urea.

Claim 18 (new): A compound according to claim 14 that is selected from the group consisting of:

1-(4,4-Diethoxy-butyl)-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;  
1-(4,4-Dimethoxy-butyl)-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;  
1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)-urea;  
N-(2,2-Dimethyl-propyl)-3-{3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionamide;  
3-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N-methyl-propionamide;  
3-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N-isobutyl-N-methyl-propionamide;  
3-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N-isopropyl-N-methyl-propionamide;  
N-(3-Dimethylamino-2,2-dimethyl-propyl)-3-{3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionamide;  
N-tert-Butyl-2-{3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-acetamide;  
1-(2-Ethyl-2H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;  
1-(1-Ethyl-1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;  
N-(1,1-Dimethyl-propyl)-2-{3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methane-sulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-acetamide;  
2-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N-methyl-N-propyl-acetamide;  
2-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N-propyl-acetamide;  
N-(2,2-Dimethyl-propyl)-2-{3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-acetamide;  
N-tert-Butyl-2-{3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N-methyl-acetamide;  
2-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N-isopropyl-N-methyl-acetamide;



1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxo-ethyl)-urea;

N-Ethyl-2-{3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N-methyl-acetamide;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(5-isopropyl-[1,3,4]-oxadiazol-2-ylmethyl)-urea;

N-(3-Dimethylamino-2,2-dimethyl-propyl)-2-{3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-acetamide;

2-{3-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methane-sulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-N-isobutyl-N-methyl-acetamide;

1-(5-Ethyl-[1,3,4]oxadiazol-2-ylmethyl)-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

N-(1,1-Dimethyl-propyl)-3-{3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionamide;

N-(2-Dimethylamino-1,1-dimethyl-ethyl)-3-{3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-ureido}-propionamide;

1-[3-(4,4-Dimethyl-oxazolidin-3-yl)-3-oxo-propyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(5-methyl-tetrazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[2-(5-Cyclopropyl-tetrazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-3-[5-(3-fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(2-isopropyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-(2-imidazol-1-yl-ethyl)-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-{2-[1-((S)-3-hydroxy-2-methyl-propyl)-1H-imidazol-4-yl]-ethyl}-urea;

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-{2-[1-(3-hydroxy-butyl)-1H-imidazol-4-yl]-ethyl}-urea; and

1-[5-(3-Fluoro-4-methane-sulfonyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-2-yl]-3-[2-(4-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethyl]-urea.

Claim 19 (new): A compound according to claim 14 in combination with an anti-inflammatory, bronchodilatory, antihistamine or anti-tussive drug substance.

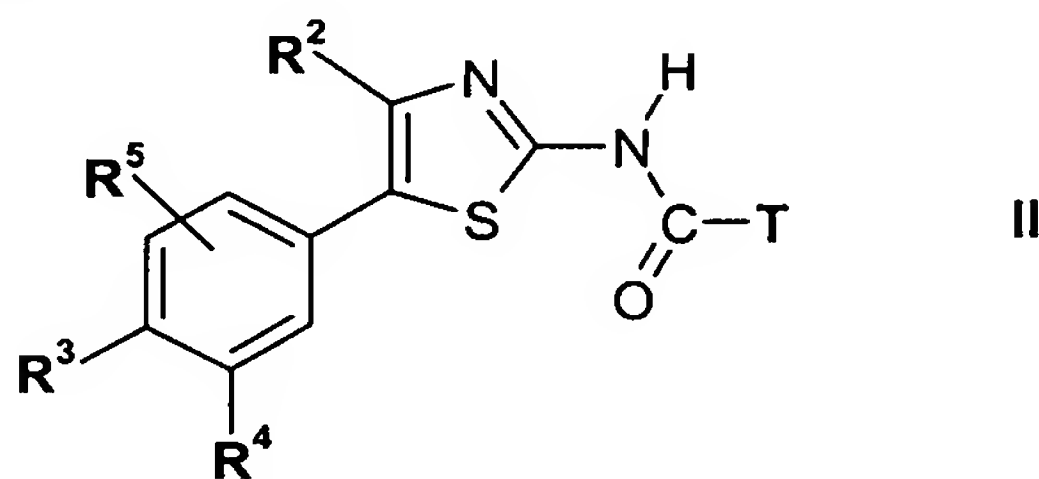
Claim 20 (new): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 14.

Claim 21 (new): A method of treating a disease mediated by phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase in a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 14 in free form or in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

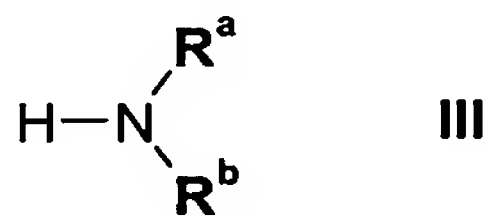
Claim 22 (new): A method of treating respiratory diseases, allergies, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, rheumatic disorders, psoriasis, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, septic shock, proliferative disorders such as cancer, atherosclerosis, allograft rejection following transplantation, diabetes, stroke, obesity or restenosis in a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 14 in free form or in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

Claim 23 (new): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 14, in free or salt form which comprises the steps of:

(i) (A) reacting a compound of formula II

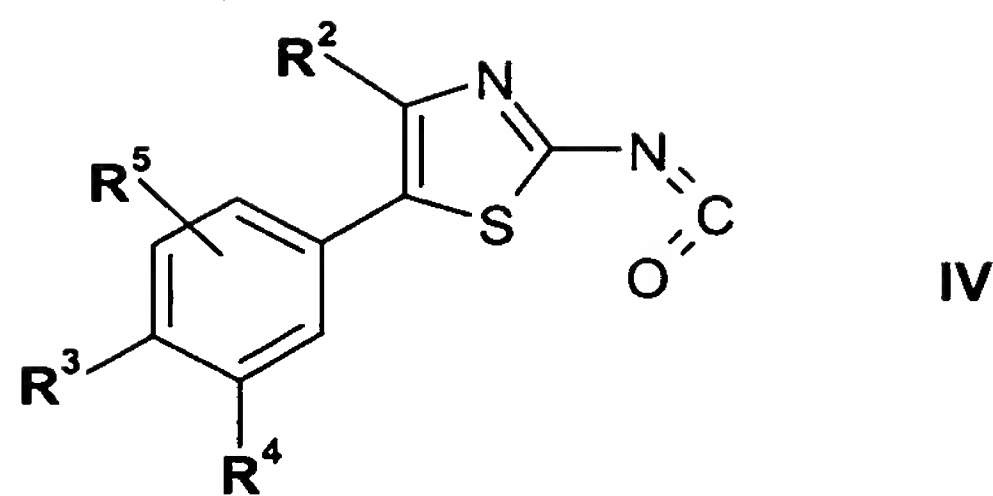


wherein R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are as claimed in claim 14 and T is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring having one or more ring hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, with a compound of formula III



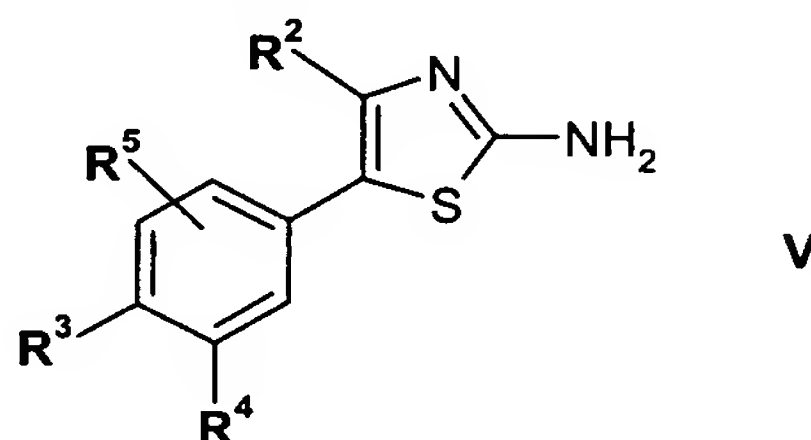
wherein R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are as claimed in claim 14;

(B) reacting compounds of formula IV

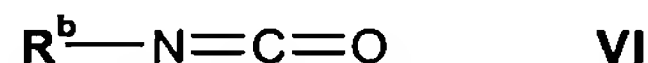


wherein R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are as claimed in claim 14 with a compound of formula III wherein R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are as claimed in claim 14;

(C) for the preparation of compounds of formula I where R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen and R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are as claimed in claim 14, reacting a compound of formula V

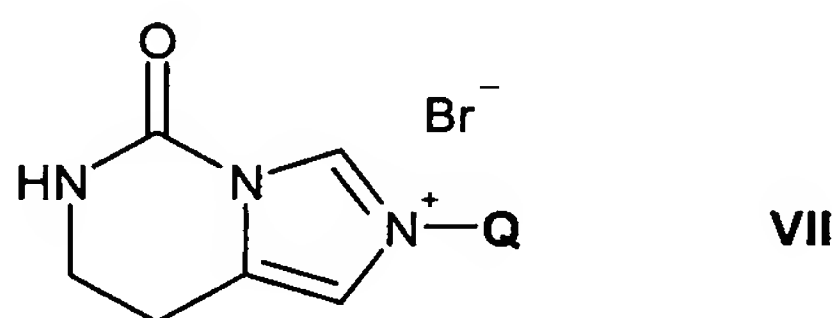


wherein R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are as claimed in claim 14, with a compound of formula VI



wherein R<sup>b</sup> is as claimed in claim 14; or

(D) for the preparation of compounds of formula I where R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl substituted by imidazolyl substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy and R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are as claimed in claim 14, reacting a compound of formula V where R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are as claimed in claim 14, with a compound of formula VII



where Q is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy; and

- (ii) recovering the resultant compound of formula I in free or salt form.